



never so happy to have misheard....



Chaz

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MOOD: 😊 thankful

MUSIC: Garbage - Stupid Girl

While I was getting my stitches out, I asked some questions. And I found out that I had misunderstood. The meds that are making me so sick (nauseated, exhausted, splitting headaches)? I get to come off in six (now four and a half) *weeks*, not six months.

I get the clean bill of health in six months, if everything goes according to plan.

If you told me a month ago that I would be so overjoyed to be told I'm going to spend the next month trying not to puke up my spleen while somebody drives ice axes into my sinuses, I would have laughed at you.

And that means we're still looking at a discharge date in late June or early July. Mostly at this point I'm here for observation and force-feeding, and I'm stuck with that until... well, until I'm not. Until I can keep enough food down on my own to regain some weight and support all the healing I still need to do.

I have never been so sympathetic to a foie gras goose in my life.



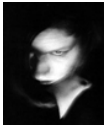
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All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

Elvis doesn't live here anymore.

Hey there. Sorry about the drama. It was... it was an emotional decision, and I didn't

Poppets. Puppets. Poppet puppets. Scary.




 [kayjayoh](#)

[June 11 2008, 17:30:00 UTC](#)

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That is excellent news. Congratulations!



 [fidelioscabinet](#)

[June 11 2008, 17:34:59 UTC](#)


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Duuuuuuuuuuude! 31 days or so?

Hey, you could be drug-free in time for Bastille Day!

Congratulations on losing the needlework, too.

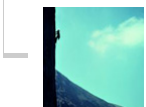


 [edschweppe](#)

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Yay for less time on sick-making meds! And yay for implication of being able to enjoy real food (relatively) soon!



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[June 11 2008, 17:41:03 UTC](#)

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Thank you! (I'm allowed to eat. Anything that goes around the tube. If I can keep it down.

It's just not very much fun.)



 [winneganfake](#)

[June 11 2008, 17:47:11 UTC](#)

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So... ice cream, frozen yogurt, or homemade soups- which one do you think the hospital staff will mind the least?



 [inaurolillium](#)

[June 11 2008, 19:49:53 UTC](#)

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When he feels up to it, we should send him some Molly Moon's Salted Caramel ice cream.



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[June 11 2008, 19:51:41 UTC](#)

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Sea-salt caramels are the nearest thing to sex available in a grocery store.




 [inaurolillium](#)


[June 11 2008, 19:59:10 UTC](#)

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One of the local chocolatiers makes bittersweet-coated caramels topped with grey sea salt. OMG. (She does a milk chocolate-covered with smoked salt as well, but I don't eat milk chocolate anymore.)
Plus, Molly Moon makes fuckin' fabulous ice cream. You say the word, and I will figure out how to ship you some. I think I even have a shipping cooler...

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They're still not letting me have any outside food. Daily weigh-ins and every calorie tracked. But thank you.


 [inaurolillium](#)
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I meant, when you're home and feeling better. It was intended as a "you say the word when it's okay to do it." Celebration of some milestone of recovery, perhaps. Obviously you don't want it *now*. You couldn't enjoy it properly. (Sorry, I really was trying to get around the "no talking about feeding Chaz yet rule," but it seems I left out some key words someplace.)


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Maybe when I get home, sure. Thank you.


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...I could be out for the 4th of July BBQ. Oh, there's a goal.


 [pnkrokhockeymom](#)
[June 11 2008, 17:47:30 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I'm just going to spend all of the wishes I'm currently spending on being an attention whore with my bois on you stopping with the vomiting instead. How's that? Maybe they'll be more effective if I'm not spending them on personal gain and vanity.

 [cvillette](#)
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I think if you're lucky enough to have bois, you should enjoy it.

And make them earn the privilege.

 [pnkrokhockeymom](#)
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Which is v. v. consistent with "stop wishing they would email and pay you compliments like a whiny 13 year old" and "wish for Chaz to be better instead."

gawd I'm such a leo.

ANYWAYS. It is excellent news, this six weeks versus six months thing. What is this awful medication supposed to do to you?



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Stave off nastyish opportunistic infections.



[pnkrokhockeymom](#)

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oh.

pets, gently



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::headbutts::



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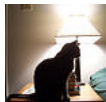
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hey there goat.

erm, platypus.

erm, goat-like platypus.

(I didn't want to pet with gusto in case it made you feel more vomitus) (see, normally I don't do gentle. but, you know, also, *tubes*).



[tzenne](#)

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Like a cat? How many animals are you, dude?



[pnkrokhockeymom](#)

[June 11 2008, 18:48:19 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Oooooooh. Like a CAT.

::::sneezes::::



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Coyotes headbutt too.



[pnkrokhockeymom](#)

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Unfortunately probably also with the sneezes.




 [txanne](#)

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Oh. *Those* meds. The ones that make everything taste funny anyway, including air. :-P So let's talk about music instead! I just got my hands on a copy of the first Cats Laughing album. Wooooo! You like smart women with rich voices--go drown in Emma and Lojo for a while!



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They make everything taste funny and then they trash your concentration. At least the pain stuff put me to sleep, but I don't need as much now.

Which is good.

I like Cats Laughing. You have good taste.



 [txanne](#)

[June 11 2008, 18:49:05 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Was that why I couldn't think? I thought it was just the pneumonia.

We both have good taste. Witness our fabulous flists!



[pnkrokhockeymom](#)

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I can't argue with that.

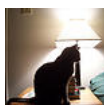
(hee)



[pnkrokhockeymom](#)

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I don't know from Cats Laughing.




 [txanne](#)

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Go here:<http://catslaughing.wordpress.com/>

Short version: Emma Bull used to be in a band. It sounds kinda like Steeleye Span, except with original material.

 [pnkrokhockeymom](#)

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oh, neat. I will go there tonight and listen.

Violin boi just bought me a CD by this woman who is just amazing. When I get home and grab it off the suitcase I will email the name to you in case you know it.



 [colomon](#)

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It's a crying shame there's no practical way to transfer the weight the doctor told me I should lose to you. Sigh.



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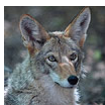
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That would be awesome! I could borrow extra pounds from all my friends!

 [colomon](#)

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I'm sure you could get all you need from me....



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I'd use it up, though, and then need more.

 [leahbobet](#)

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There's a brilliant startup business in that.

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 [pnkrokhockeymom](#)

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I want that t-shirt.




 [atheilen](#)

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Me too!



 [inaurolillium](#)

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You can have some of mine, too, the belly weight, at least. I like the boobies, and the butt is apparently keeping me from getting diabetes.



[barsukthom](#)

[June 11 2008, 18:06:34 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Platypus Healing Powers, activate!




[barsukthom](#)

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Sorry, but the C. on your icon looks like someone just checked his temperature. With a really cold thermometer.

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[June 12 2008, 01:49:10 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I haven't really been looking. Can't cruise while nauseated. It's rude.

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The attending physician *is* kind of cute....



 [txanne](#)

[June 12 2008, 12:10:37 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

So is he Yakko or Wakko? Yakko for brains, Wakko for eatings.



[sarahwilder](#)

[June 11 2008, 18:50:40 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I have never been so sympathetic to a foie gras goose in my life.

At least you don't feel like a veal calf... ;) Good news on the early medication cessation.



[nebula99](#)


[June 11 2008, 19:13:36 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Huzzah! for weeks and not months. Glad you have an end date in sight.

(I get to have an NG tube all of my own in a couple of weeks. Gee, I'm really looking forward to that one.)

And if you are still bored - I may have told you about this before - [Black Cab Sessions](#) . Various musicians play their songs while travelling around London in the back of a Black Cab. "Death Cab for Cutie" - in a cab! Tis cool.



 [cvillette](#)

[June 11 2008, 19:17:25 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Oh no! Why are you being intubated?



 [nebula99](#)

[June 11 2008, 19:33:29 UTC](#)

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Investigations. *sigh* I love those conversations with health professionals when they say they are going to do "blah blah medical jargon blah" and then look astonished if you ask them what it means and what the benefits and risks and alternatives are.

The doctors would like to see what happens when I swallow stuff because I get horrible indigestion. I don't have to stay in, but I get to spend until the next morning with a tube coming out of my nostril and taped to my face. Which is not a look I am going to want to wear in public.

Maybe I should get a niqab for the day?

But it's only for one day, so I won't moan too much. When do you get yours out?



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Oh. Well, no fun, anyway, but at least quickly over.

As for me, it depends on how fast I can gain weight.



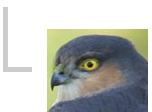
 [nebula99](#)

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As for me, it depends on how fast I can gain weight.

And I wish you Speedy Weight Gain. (which also sounds like a movie character. Or maybe the drummer in a thrash metal band)



 [sprrwhwk](#)


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Oh, that. I've had that done -- it's not pleasant, and I was glad to have the tube out, but it's not horrible either. One piece of advice -- I found that I was paradoxically more comfortable with the tube when I

was eating than when I was drinking, or when I was consuming nothing at all (lubrication, I assume). Cheap-ass beef with broccoli was a good lunch, oatmeal would be good, thick drinks like milkshakes are probably good. Having stuff like that that you can snack on more-or-less continuously throughout the day would make it significantly more comfortable, I think.

(Chaz, if they're not feeding you more or less continuously, they should be. That'll make the tube more comfortable and help with the weight gain a lot. :-)


 [nebula99](#)

[June 12 2008, 17:00:08 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

thanks for the hints - as usual, the info from the hospital says nothing useful apart from reminding me that it may cost me the GDP of a small country to park my car.

I just don't want to freak out the kids with my extra tubing.



 [inaurolillium](#)

[June 11 2008, 19:48:51 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

WOOHOO!

Um. I'm sorry you're still stuck on them a while longer, but I'm really, really glad it's not another six months. A Chaz who doesn't want food is a wrongness in the universe.



 [calanthe_b](#)

[June 11 2008, 22:54:16 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

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Oh, that's fantastic news. I mean, not about the force-feeding, but the relatively imminent lack of medication? Definitely good.

And here's hoping that everything goes *exactly* to plan.

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[June 12 2008, 01:46:57 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Ic totally okay. been doing my share of 1-handed typing lately 2, after all.

ooo. coyotes AND wabbits!

 [barsukthom](#)

[June 12 2008, 13:06:28 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Watched it with sound off.
It's like Evanescence in the desert.
With a (large quantity) of rabbits.

[locked] Dream Journal

All right, unconscious mind. We're
coming to an accommodation. If
the dreams are you cleaning

Elvis doesn't live here
anymore.

Hey there. Sorry about the
drama. It was... it was an
emotional decision, and I didn't

Poppets. Puppets. Poppet
puppets. Scary.